

# Dragon Dispatch

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**TRAFFIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DATES OF JAN. 29-FEB. 6 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 13**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

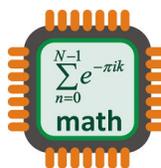
This week has been fun, with students and teachers working hard on their new writing and science units and continuing their work on the Common Core reading and math standards. Our Kinder-2nd grade teachers participated in professional development for our Writer's Workshop program this week as well, spending two days at Stockmeir with our trainer from Teacher's College in New York. You can support your child's academic growth at home by:

- Encouraging them to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Reading every day helps develop critical thinking and vocabulary skills!
- Asking them to share with you what they are working on in writing and what their goal will be during Writer's Workshop time the following day.
- Connecting math assignments and concepts to real world experiences.
- Discussing current events and/or exploring a museum together.

Ms. Johnson

## CURRICULUM CORNER: 5TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT TESTS AND PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Coming up this spring, our 5th grade students will take tests to determine their placement in middle school courses. The first tests, two math performance tasks, will be administered on Tuesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 15th. The final test, the MAP: NWEA online adaptive assessment, will be given on Tuesday, April 10th. If you would like to learn more about these assessments, please join Ms. Johnson on Friday, February 2nd at 8:30 AM for a Principal's Coffee. You can also read more about the middle school math pathways and see sample performance tasks on the Parent Live Binder: [www.tinyurl.com/cusdparent](http://www.tinyurl.com/cusdparent).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 26 **Staff Learning Day - No School**

Feb. 2 Principal Coffee 8:30 a.m. in the GLC

Feb. 5 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.

Feb. 6 Ability Awareness

Feb. 8 HSC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 13 Class Photos

Feb. 19-23 **Mid-Year Recess - NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 26-Mar. 2 Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 3:00

Feb. 28 Family Literacy Night 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 5 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.

Mar. 6-9 5th Grade Science Camp

Mar. 8 - HSC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 9 - Principal Coffee 8:30 a.m. in the GLC

## TRAFFIC VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the parents that volunteer each week to help with Traffic Duty. We greatly appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone safe. If you would like to volunteer or need to reschedule a shift you signed up for, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at [gauthier\\_susan@cusdk8.org](mailto:gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org)

**District and Community News**



## **BOOKS AND BEYOND COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM**

The first round of Books and Beyond, our school/community reading program, ended today. Reading log sheets have been collected and will be tallied over the next several days. Participation incentives will be distributed within one week. This is a wonderful program that the whole family can participate in. Be a good role model and let your children see you read. Support your child in this program and be a partner with us in raising children who love to read.



If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me. Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

## **DILWORTH BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Our new Birthday Book Club continues to be a success. Participating in the Birthday Book Club is the perfect way to celebrate a birthday and encourage the love of reading. Your \$10.00 donation covers the cost of a hardbound book that will be added to our library collection. Each birthday book includes a special nameplate recognizing the child and his/her birthday. A thank you is also printed in the newsletter recognizing the child's special day and their gift to the school library. If you would like to participate in the Birthday Book Club, send in your \$10.00 donation (cash or check payable to Dilworth School) and include the following information – Your child's name and his/her birthdate.



Thank you, and Happy Birthday to all these wonderful students that have recently celebrated their birthday as a part of the Birthday Club.

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND BOOK DONATIONS**

- **Karthik V.** Moose
- **Susanna K.** Auggie and Me Three Wonder Stories
- **Vihaan A.** Classic Starts Animal Stories
- **Jacklyn H.** The Jungle Book (Great Illustrated Classics)
- **Youlin W.** A Line in the Sand
- **Lily Y.** Voyage on the Great Titanic
- **Holden C.** Call of the Wild (great Illustrated Classics)
- **Atharva R.** 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
- **Steve Y.** Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth
- **Nayna K.** The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg
- **Emily O.** Monkeys
- **Declan S.** The U.S. Senate

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND BOOK DONATIONS**

- **Vishwesh C.** Dreams in the Golden Country
- **Effie X.** Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie
- **Esther K.** Safe in a Storm
- **Yael B.** Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes
- **Sandhya P.** Middle School My Brother is a Big Fat Liar

## **REMINDERS.....**

- **ATTENDANCE** - If your child will be absent, please call 408-253-2850 ext. 6 by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence.
- **EVERY TUESDAY**- All grades are dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Students should be picked up promptly.
- **STUDENT DROP-OFF**  
Do not drop students off at school before 8:15 a.m., student supervision is not provided until then.

## **2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR STUDENT REGISTRATION**

The registration window is from January 22–February 14, 2018 (closed on January 26th). Dilworth will be accepting registration paperwork between 8-4 in the school office. All students registering for kindergarten must go to their home school to register. Information about registration can be found on the district website at:

<https://goo.gl/uckHKR>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our annual **Ability Awareness Day is February 6th**. This 15-year tradition is a day-long program for all students to learn about disabilities. This day is not possible without your help. All volunteers are provided with a script and the materials you would need for each activity. We hope you can give some time to help our students increase awareness about different disabilities and appreciate everyone's unique qualities. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or clarification. Here is the link for you to sign up to volunteer.

<http://signup.com/go/bNPKRuU>

Thank you for Volunteering,  
Sincerely, *Alpana Singh*

Em: [singh\\_alpana@cusdk8.org](mailto:singh_alpana@cusdk8.org)

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND BOOK DONATIONS**

- **Sanya B.** Periodic Table of the Elements
- **Chris L.** Stick Dog - A Really Good Story with Kind of Bad Drawings
- **Aisha T.** Keeper of the Myths
- **Anshika A.** The Little Bird of Many Colors
- **Brian C.** The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing
- **Kevin Y.** Power of Three Warriors Sunrise
- **Nina P.** The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung
- **Suzanne D.** The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce
- **Amy T.** Power of Three Warriors Long Shadows
- **Juliana B.** If You Take A Mouse to School
- **Arnav K.** Bud, Not Buddy
- **Adella J.** Power of Three Warriors Eclipse
- **Pranav K.** Why Rabbits Eat Poop and Other Gross Facts about Animals
- **Anisha G.** Because of Thursday

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE: TIPS FOR THE FLU SEASON**

The Santa Clara County Health Department shares the following tips for parents to help ensure their school-aged children stay healthy during the flu season:

1. **Get vaccinated.** This is the first and most important step. If you have not already, get yourself and your children vaccinated as soon as possible. Because the flu virus is circulating in our community, it is crucial to get vaccinated to protect you and everyone in your family over the age of 6 months.
2. **Stay home when sick.** If your child does catch the flu, make sure he/she stays home and rests. Stay home for at least 24-hours after being free of fever (100° F [37.8°]) without having used fever-reducing medications like Tylenol or Advil. By staying home, we can also prevent others from catching the flu. For most people the flu will be a mild or moderate illness. Treat the symptoms by drinking plenty of fluids, getting enough rest and taking medicine if you have a fever. If symptoms worsen, be sure to contact a health care provider right away.
3. **Wash hands often.** Advise your children to sing the 'Happy Birthday' song twice while washing their hands. Make sure they rub their hands thoroughly in soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If there is no soap and water, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be used.
4. **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Tell your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. Then throw the tissue in the trash immediately. If they do not have a tissue, tell them to cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve or elbow. Never cough into your hands.

For more information, go to [www.sccphd.org](http://www.sccphd.org) or [www.cdc.gov/flu/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/)

## **DINE-OUT MARCH 13TH AT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN**

With the Home and School Club's support, we are also able to provide art for students K-5 and music for primary students. You can help our Home and School Club continue to provide this valuable exposure to the visual and performing arts. Please sign up for eScrip and Amazon smile. Please also mark your calendars for a community dine-out night on March 13th at California Pizza Kitchen.

## **CLASS PHOTOS**

Class photos will take place on February 13th. Envelopes to order pictures will be sent home ahead of time. Please be sure to send your child to school that day with their envelope and payment so they can get a class picture.

## **CEEF GALA**

The Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) will have its 33rd annual gala, "Black & White Ball," on March 3, 2018 at Club Auto Sport in San Jose. It is a great celebration of educational excellence in our community, including the recipients of Teacher of the Year at each school site, the Innovative Technology Educator Award, the Patricia Lamson Endowment Fund Ward, and the Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award. CEEF supports art, technology and music programs in our schools. You can get a ticket to this event at: <http://ceefcares.org/>

